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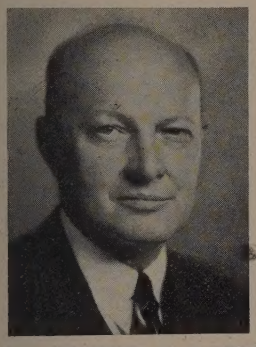
DR. NORTH LEADS IN SURVEY

The Congregational Churches of several Northern California cities will have the benefit of the leadership and advice of Rev. Stanley U. North, Director of City Work of the Board of Home Missions, during a visit the latter part of February and early March. Dr. North, who is a graduate in engineering and who served as an infantry officer in the first World War, is a graduate of Union Seminary, New York, and has become one of the denomination's statesmen during the past few years. As the pastor of several important churches, he knows the problems of churches and their communities. He has served as Moderator of the New York Conference, as President of



Rev. STANLEY U. NORTH

the Board of Directors of the New York City Association, and as the Dean of young people's conferences. He has specialized in the technique of church surveys and on behalf of the Board of Home Missions he has compiled valuable data on a considerable number of our larger cities. During the war he has added to his task the directorship of the War Emergency Work Department, administering our funds for camp and defense center communities.

While in California he will make surveys for the Conference of the churches of Fresno and Sacramento and will give counsel to Orinda; Berkeley, Arlington; San Lorenzo; Benicia; San Francisco, Ocean View; San Jose, and Oakland, Pilgrim. He will also be one of the leaders at the Laymen's School of Churchmanship in Berkeley on Feb. 25.

WELCOME NEW READERS

We welcome new readers to The Pacific. As a result of the suggestion made by Rev. Edwin T. Sherman and acted on at the State Conference and the active promotion by the pastors during the past month, the following number of subscriptions have been received: Fresno, First, 240; Porterville, 168; Rio Vista, 100; Pittsburg, 96; Antioch, 72; San Francisco, Ocean View, 18; Fairfax, 9; San Carlos, 9; a considerable number from Berkeley, First, part of which are renewals; Palo Alto, 5; Crockett, 4; and Port Chicago, 4.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Northern California Council of Churches will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley on Monday, March 5, beginning with a dinner at 6:30.

"CONGREGATIONAL CAZADERO"

Congregational Cazadero has taken hold of the imagination of the Northern California Conference people and churches. Sunday, February 11, will be a day long to be remembered. A goodly majority of our churches have indicated their intention of presenting on that Sunday to their people this splendid new project. The Conference office was forced to double the order for leaflets and pledge envelopes. Some churches jumped the gun. Berkeley, First, voted to be responsible for $2,750. Fresno, First, sent $600.00 cash and will give interested people a chance to subscribe in addition. Ministers of a number of churches have secured gifts from individuals and organizations in advance, so that February 11 will be a day of real victory. There does not seem to be a doubt in the mind of anyone about having the entire $25,000 in cash before Easter.

The Conference Board of Directors has appointed the following persons to serve as the Cazadero Camp Commission, which will be the governing body: Rev. Sidney Buckham, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Haymond, Mr. Ralph Cole, Rev. Henry Hayden and Rev. Eugene V. Haynes.

All of these people have had experience with young people's camps. Mr. Cole knows intimately of the problems connected with the operation of such camps. Mr. Haymond as an architect will be of invaluable assistance in planning buildings. The first meeting of this Commission was on February 6. Field Secretary Meyer will serve as Executive.

A schedule of camps for the entire summer vacation is being arranged. A reconditioned one and one-half ton army truck has been purchased. Lines are out for bunks, mattresses and kitchen equipment. Difficulties have been encountered in securing the proper repairs for the road, but the Commission and Superintendent Gill are at work to find a solution.

The committee on financing the project will not fix goals for the individual churches, but simply remind our people that this $25,000 which is needed to cover the cost of the grounds, buy the truck, build the road, secure equipment for operation this summer, and the first year's salaray of the caretaker, is more than half of the total regular benevolence giving of all of our churches for the year. Some churches will not do as much as that figure suggests; others will need to do more. Most of our churches are planning to follow up the appeal to the congregations on February 11 by letter, telephone calls and personal interviews.

UNIT PLAN REPORT

The office of the Unit Plan has announced that the total receipts for 1944 for the Unit Plan have amounted to $185,492. This not only cares for the applications of one year, but adds to the surplus already set aside for shortening the ten-year period for which the Plan was launched. Northern California gave $5,456.65, which means that in the three years in which Rev. N. F. Sanderson has been at work in this Conference $14,524 has been paid in, or almost half of our ten-year quota.

High On List

Field Secretary Meyer, on his return from the Midwinter meetings, reported that our Conference is fourth on the list of all the Conferences in the percentage of Sunday Schools now enrolled on the World Service plan and that we were highest in the number of hours of service under the Million Hour plan. He also reports that our Pilgrim Fellowship paper, "Light," is far and away the best of all such state papers.

TESTIMONY OF LOYALTY

On January 10, at the close of the apportionment year, totals of benevolence giving from our churches coming through the Conference treasury were made up, showing a gain of $5,795.27, or more than 14% over 1943.

Here are the figures and the objects to which the money was sent:

For the American Board (Foreign Missions)	$ 10,026.18
(This is a gain for the year of $653.36.)	
For the Board of Home Missions, including the Council for Social Action	$ 11,137.61
(This is a gain for the year of $1,587.21.)	
For our State Conference and State Home Missions, including Ministerial Relief	$ 25,708.53
(This is a gain of $3,554.70.)	
Total for State, National, and Foreign Work	$ 46,872.32

In these figures was a total of $665.48 from the Pilgrim Fellowship young people for their projects and $3,135.33, the Thank Offering or Plus Gifts of our Federation of Congregational Women, a church by church list of which appears in another column.

The figures released at the Mid-Winter Meeting indicate that the American Board received about $2,000 directly from churches and individuals and the Board of Home Missions about $540 from such sources that did not go through our treasury. In addition there were considerable sums sent from our German churches, report of which is not yet available.

In addition to the sums mentioned above, which are for the regular apportionment benevolences of our fellowship, our churches gave to the Committee for War Victims and Services $11,853.54, a gain of $2,800; to the Christmas Fund for aged ministers $2,101.97, a gain of $118.00. Our churches also responded to the appeal of the Port Chicago disaster in the amount of $1,820, and individuals and churches gave to the Unit Plan in 1944, $5,456.65. A brief summary of our totals will be given in the March issue.

Many Northern California Congregational people have prospered and their loyalty to the cause is shown by the fact that they are willing to give in proportion. Others are not so fortunate but deserve just as much credit for doing their part. In the period since 1942 our gain has been 26.3%. It is hoped that by the end of 1945 it may be 50%.

LAYMEN MEET AT BERKELEY

The Laymen's School of Churchmanship, which was announced in the January issue, will be held. It is felt by the committee that this will not be a violation of federal regulations. The number of men attending from outside of the Bay area and the miles traveled will of necessity be comparatively few. The meeting lasts only a few hours in the middle of the day, and there will be no problem of overnight housing.

The date will be Sunday, February 25. It will begin at ten in the morning and close at 4:30 in the afternoon. The program is complete, with President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., giving the opening devotional address, and the closing words will be spoken by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of First Congregational Church, Oakland. Rev. Stanley U. North, director of City Work Department of the Board of Home Missions, will be the main speaker in the morning, but there will be messages of interest on Conference affairs by George B. Martin, former moderator, Field Secretary William W. Meyer, and Superintendent Gill.

The afternoon will be devoted to a series of study and discussion groups: one for church deacons, with Mr. J. W. Payne of San Francisco presiding and Dr. Frank E. Carlson, former superintendent of Oregon, as the speaker. Mr. Herbert H. Sack of Oakland will preside over the session for trustees and treasurers, and their duties will be outlined by Mr. C. W. Brock of Berkeley. Churches are urged to see that one or two of their very ablest laymen are especially appointed to attend the section on "The Church Surveying and Adapting its Program to its own Community," with Galen Fisher presiding and Dr. North as the speaker. The Conference Committee on Young People's Work, with Rev. Ralph V. Conard as chairman, will take full charge of the section for workers among young people, and the laymen who are interested in religious education will be guided in their thinking by the Conference Committee on Christian Education, Rev. David Stowe, chairman.

Dinner will be served at one, at Benton Hall at Pacific School of Religion, at $1.00 per plate. Keymen of the different churches will meet with Mr. Peirce Coombes at that hour.

Notice of attendance and reservation for the dinner should be sent to Mr. George B. Martin, 26 Kingston Road, Berkeley 8.

NEW PASTOR'S CLASS BOOK

The Seminar on the Pastor's Class has completed not only a revision but a rewriting of the booklet entitled "Christian Commitment." Our own Fred R. Morrow has done the major part of the work. The new book, which is entitled "The Christian's Commitment," has 12 lessons, is very attractively printed, and in the opinion of those who have seen it is the finest thing for the purpose that has yet been published. Copies may be ordered through Pacific Book Service, at 15 cents each. We in Northern California take a special satisfaction that this is now available for pastors throughout the nation. The members of the Commission, in addition to Mr. Morrow, have been Sidney H. Buckham, Miles B. Fisher, David Stowe, Frederic Groetsema, William D. Pratt, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

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AID TO ITALY

Reports from Italy tell us that the bitter winter weather has brought hunger and sickness to the twenty million people. "There isn't enough food to go around; there isn't enough transport to distribute the food that is available. Collections of oil and grain from the farms have fallen below expectations. There is insufficient clothing and not enough fuel to keep the houses warm, when it is possible to find houses that are habitable."

To combat the effects already resulting from these critical conditions a medical unit, sponsored jointly by the Congregational-Christian Service Committee and the Unitarian Service Committee has been requested by U.N.R.R.A. to proceed into Italy. This unit is composed of fourteen prominent doctors and institutionists and is expected to leave this country very soon. The aim of its members is to determine as quickly and scientifically as possible those methods of feeding which will most speedily restore to full health the peoples of occupied countries who have for years had barely enough food to keep life in their bodies. The findings are likely to be our most important contribution to the great efforts which must be made to restore health to many people in many countries.

It was recently said editorially of Italy that her chance of achieving a healthy republic in the future was not good. It is our conviction that by . . . sending men with experts' hands and Christian hearts into such areas of want, our churches are building toward future world stability."

How satisfying it would be to each one of us to have some part in supporting an enterprise like this! Have you already spent all the Christmas money you may have received? If not, here is your opportunity.

MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

OMIT ANNUAL MEET

Arrangements for the annual meeting of the state Conference were referred to the Conference Board of Directors. In the meeting of the Board in January, and before the governmental directive had been published, it was decided that the 1945 annual meeting should be omitted because of difficulties of transportation and entertainment, and in order that there should be no question about our co-operation with federal officials and plans.

It was voted that in October the Conference meeting be taken to the churches by some system to be arranged whereby representatives of several churches might gather at convenient centers, with a minimum of travel, to hear a team of speakers, and in other places this team would visit individual churches. The usual Conference program committee will enlist such speakers and will set up a schedule. It is the expectation that far more people can be reached than ever attended a state Conference meeting. Plans and details will be announced at the Association meetings and published later.

THE RECORD

Here is the report in which so many churches are interested showing the record of regular Apportionment gifts going through the Conference office for the year 1944 in comparison with the previous year. This does not include the benevolence gifts from the German churches, which are sent directly to the national German Conference, the amounts standing opposite the names of these churches being their per capita tax to the General Council, which the Conference forwards for them. Nor do these figures include the gifts sent by churches and individuals directly to the American Board and the Board of Home Missions. The Thank Offering is not included in the figures set opposite the names of the churches, but is all included in the miscellaneous items. In a separate column credit is given the individual churches for the Thank Offering. These figures do not include the gifts to the Unit Plan or to the Christmas Fund or to the Committee on War Victims and Services. Again let it be emphasized that these figures are for the **regular** Apportionment giving going through the Conference treasury.

It was a good year. It will be noted that in the entire list sixty-four churches made a gain, some of them a very significant gain; nine churches gave the same amount, and only ten gave less. Undoubtedly the gains made by some of the very smallest churches mean more in hard work than the gains made by such churches as Lodi, First; Berkeley, First; Oakland, Plymouth; San Mateo, and Stockton.

Four new names appear on the list: Berkeley, South Community; Berkeley, Arlington; Berkeley, Northbrae Community, and Orinda. Among the smaller churches special mention might well be made of Soquel, Salida, Glen Ellen, Cotati, Penngrove, Antioch, Fairfax, Loleta, Niles and Parlier.

	1944	1943
Adin	$ 15.00	$ 6.47
Alameda	1,004.57	868.37
Alturas	103.00	89.54
Angels Camp	183.36	153.85
Antioch	154.14	99.21
Auburn	201.60	120.00
Benicia	75.00	70.11
Berkeley:		
Arlington	111.24	49.05
Chinese	50.00	50.00
First	6,648.55	5,617.05
North	770.49	742.11
Northbrae Community	304.50	.....
Park	.....	171.24
South Community	273.90	.....
Biola	23.44	.....
Callahan	.....	15.20
Campbell	357.00	375.00
Cedarville	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	158.93	116.05
Cotati	109.19	74.62
Crockett	144.71	117.01
Dinuba	.64	.88
Elk Grove	25.76	5.44
Etna	5.84	25.00
Eureka	565.43	531.00
Fairfax	164.47	70.00
Ferndale	512.64	505.96
Fowler	50.00	50.00
Fresno:		
First	1,278.00	1,260.00
Free Cross	.....	19.40
Pilgrim	314.00	272.75
Zion	100.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	100.55	54.60
Grass Valley	25.00	25.00
Guerneville	31.00	25.00
Hayward	300.00	230.00
Kenwood	47.27	45.95
Likely	4.44	29.04
Lodi: Ebenezer	34.00	23.27
First	3,292.70	2,164.03
Loleta	78.03	59.54
Loomis	256.67	247.55
Martinez	487.40	509.47
Murphys	99.00	81.00
Niles	100.00	50.00
Oakland:		
Bethany	50.00	50.00
First	5,512.85	5,470.00
Fruitvale	85.50	75.00
Japanese	30.00	.....
Pilgrim	60.00	60.00
Plymouth	1,546.35	1,163.22
Orinda Community	63.00	.....
Oroville	377.08	331.25
Pacific Grove	396.90	366.63
Palo Alto	1,202.40	1,405.00
Paradise	352.89	329.13
Parlier	50.00	10.00
Penngrove	103.09	53.82
Pescadero	10.00	.....
Petaluma	735.00	725.00
Pittsburg	308.67	193.15
Port Chicago	130.14	37.88
Porterville	643.00	510.00
Redwood City	977.50	1,014.03
Rio Vista	194.00	174.00
Ripon	321.99	232.45
Sacramento	1,050.00	1,012.53
Salida	151.00	135.00
San Carlos	170.01	130.23
San Francisco:		
Grace United	402.68	379.70
Calvary	30.00	.....
Chinese	30.00	25.00
First	1,309.25	1,582.66
Ocean View	109.80	82.00
Park Presidio	122.00	176.00
Sanger	12.80	12.80
San Jose	828.47	800.00
San Leandro	202.35	142.69
San Mateo	1,259.96	1,000.97
San Rafael	118.40	119.00
Santa Cruz	800.00	750.00
Santa Rosa	230.00	215.00
Saratoga	817.38	768.33
Sebastopol	335.50	280.31
Sonoma	198.93	142.75
Soquel	178.00	119.10
Stockton	900.78	720.27
Suisun	100.00	100.00
Sunnyvale	81.65	71.00
Sunol	25.00	25.00
Tulare	570.00	551.23
Weaverville	147.50	155.00
Woodside	113.80	90.75
Reno, Nevada	628.74	560.02
Miscellaneous, including Thank Offering and Individual Gifts	4,136.50	3,509.39
Totals	$46,872.32	$41,077.05

BAY ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Bay Association will be held at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Tuesday, March 6, beginning at five o'clock, following the Earl lecture to be given by Bishop Oxnam. The annual business session and election of officers will be held between five and six. Dinner will be served at 6:30, at 75 cents per plate. The Bay Association speaker will be Rev. Stanley U. North, director of the department of City Work of the Board of Home Missions, New York. The Association will adjourn in time to hear the Earl lecture by Paul Hutchinson.

AT CLEVELAND

Northern California was represented at the Midwinter meetings in Cleveland by Mrs. Scott Haymond and Mrs. J. H. Price, the outgoing and incoming presidents of the Federation of Congregational Women; by Rev. Sidney Buckham, who is a member of the Board of Home Missions, and by Field Secretary W. W. Meyer. Mrs. Haymond is also a member of the Board of Home Missions. Superintendent Gill remained at his post because of the many duties which the Cazadero project involves. Field Secretary Meyer attended the Council of State Superintendents, the meetings of the Missions Council, and the conference of leaders of young people's work on Christian Education.

TREASURER RESIGNS

The Conference office has received the resignation of Rev. W. Wallace Furze as Treasurer. Following a recent illness, Mr. Furze has found it necessary to curtail some of his activities. He has served nearly eleven years, giving of his time and interest very freely and effectively. From a large number of members of the Board words of regret are being received. A mail ballot indicates the election of Mr. Kenneth C. Kinney as Treasurer. He is the treasurer of the North Congregational Church and a very faithful and interested layman.

MARCH ISSUE LATE

Subscribers to The Pacific please note that the March issue will in all probability be very late. The editor will be on tour with Dr. Stanley U. North of our Board of Home Missions until March 11 and will not be able to work on The Pacific until after that date.

Pastors' Meet Called Off

Conforming to the very urgent directive of the Federal Government, the Pacific School of Religion has called off the interdenominational Pastoral Conference, which was scheduled for March 6, 7 and 8. There will be held, however, two series of Earl Lectures on those dates. At four o'clock each of the three afternoons, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam will be heard, and the evening lectures will be given by Paul Hutchinson of the Christian Century. All of these lectures will be held in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

GODFREY MATTHEWS TO KLAMATH FALLS

Rev. Godfrey Matthews, who has been pastor at Hayward since 1934, has resigned, to take effect on March 1. He has been called as interim pastor for a six months' period at Klamath Falls, Ore. During his pastorate the church plant has been greatly improved and made more worshipful and a new pipe organ installed. Mr. Matthews has co-operated in the work of our fellowship, serving on the committee on ministerial standing, the committee on personal devotional life, and as registrar of the Bay Association. He will carry with him the good will of the Hayward people and of a large circle of friends throughout the Conference.

FRESNO, FIRST. Easter and Christmas offerings made it possible to purchase $2,000 in bonds for post-war building improvements. The church is making a gift of Pacific subscriptions to 240 families. One-half of the church's goal in missionary giving has been paid in advance for 1945, and in addition a cash contribution of $600 for Cazadero has been made. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. About 170 members attended the annual meeting. 36 persons have been received into fellowship during the year, and 21 have been removed by letter and death. The average church attendance for the year was 275. About $1,400 has accumulated in a post-war improvement fund. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

OROVILLE. Twelve new members were received the last Sunday in January and the same evening there was a welcoming meeting. Mr. Harry E. Drobish spoke on "What the Church Means to Us," and there was a film, showing the story of the Good Samaritan. Rev. Maurice L. de Vries is pastor.

ANTIOCH. The treasurer's report given at the annual meeting showed unprecedented increases, with total disbursements of more than $3,600 and balances on hand in the various departments. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, spent a part of the month in the hospital receiving eye treatments.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The annual meeting of the church on Sunday, January 21, was attended by 160. More than $10,000 has been received from all sources during the year and about $1,000 has been spent on improvements to the property. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

NILES. Eight persons united with the church on the first Sunday of the new year. The Christmas offering was $276. A debt of $1,200 was paid off in 1944, the church was painted, and a sum set aside for the proposed social and parish hall. Rev. D. Q. Grabill is the pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

GUERNEVILLE. On Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday there were 22 of the young people attending church, 18 of whom sang in the choir. Three of the Stockton delegates were speakers. Each Sunday evening in January there was a discussion at the fellowship meeting of such problems as "The Church and Labor" and "Juvenile Delinquency." Rev. Henry Hayden, the pastor, helped with the organization and was appointed on the board of a "Teen Age Canteen," to provide recreation for high school young people. Mr. Hayden has also organized a group of boys who have been involved in some escapades into a basketball team. The young people of Pilgrim Fellowship have already pledged $65 toward Cazadero.

ORINDA. 260 people from the Orinda community gathered for the annual meeting of the church, which was held in the public school. Plans for the year were outlined. The architect gave a report of the building project which was listened to with great interest. Through aid given by the Congregational Church Building Society a residence, beautifully located in a rustic setting beside a stream, was purchased for a parsonage. Present quarters for church services are crowded to capacity. Rev. Palmer Williams is pastor.

RIO VISTA. At the annual meeting reports showed a balance in the treasury of $1,100 and an equal amount in the repair fund, with $1,900 in the Memorial Fund. The salary of Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, has received a substantial increase. The Ladies' Aid Society, which also had $1,100 in the treasury, voted $100 to the Cazadero project, $300 for church expenses, and $400 to the repair fund. A gift from the Friday Club of $175 was to a music and organ fund. The church has increased its benevolence apportionment.

STOCKTON. Four new members were received in late December. The church reached its goal of $900 in benevolence giving. Healthy balances were in all treasuries and the Building Society indebtedness had been reduced to $2,250. All trustees and deacons have subscribed to "Advance." In looking to the future, Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, suggests two challenging possibilities: one, a parsonage; the other, a home for aged persons.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. H. A. Kartozian, who organized this church a good many years ago, has returned for a second period of service, coming from a very significant pastorate in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Kartozian are deeply beloved in San Francisco and throughout California. Almost immediately upon his arrival a thorough investigation was begun to find a church home.

LODI, FIRST. Excellent reports from all organizations were made at the 72nd Annual Meeting. Financially, great gains have been made and money is in sight for the new budget and for remodeling and redecorating the sanctuary and Sunday School room. Officers were installed on January 14 by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone.

SAN FRANCISCO ,OCEAN VIEW. A thorough job of landscaping the church and parsonage grounds is being done. A substantial sum has been set aside for the building fund. Rev. Eugene Sill, the pastor, preached at the vesper service of the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. on January 28.

SAN CARLOS. In order to meet the expanding opportunity of the city and to provide itself with room for an adequate plant, the San Carlos church has purchased all the lots lying between the present property and the street corner to the west, making a total frontage of in the neighborhood of 300 feet. At the annual meeting it was reported that in all groups organized for worship and religious education there is an average weekly attendance of 371 and in social organizations that meet monthly, 229. This is in addition to the Girl Scouts and the Y. M. C. A. Boys. The total membership now stands at 265. The year closed with nearly $1,000 in the treasurer's hands. Payments to the Building Society have been kept up. Rev. H. L. Loken is pastor.

SAN JOSE. Dr. Blanche Carrier, now teaching in the San Jose State College, is conducting a series of parents' conferences on the "Techniques of Family Religion" among a group of forty of the younger couples of the church. Miss Virginia Bassett, director of the local Red Cross, has organized a club for the wives of service men in the community. The annual meeting of the church showed substantial progress in membership, finances and in the varied activities of the church during the past year. The report of the All-Church Survey was given by the six laymen in charge and was accepted as the working program for the coming years.

PORTERVILLE. Fourteen new members, all adults, were received on the first Sunday of January. The annual meeting on Jan. 11 brought out a crowd that filled the Social Hall to capacity. The Greggs of Fresno were honor guests, and there was great rejoicing as two mortgages were burned, signifying that both church building and parsonage are free from debt. The 1945 budget is fully subscribed, including 33 1/3 per cent increase to missionary apportionment. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. At the annual meeting it was reported that the church has $8,225 in its building fund, including insurance proceeds. There are substantial balances in all treasuries. A considerable number of names were placed on a retired list until it can be ascertained whether or not an active relationship could be re-established. The present membership is 321. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is pastor.

CAMPBELL. Weekday religious education is to begin on February 14. $1,200 has been spent for construction to take care of boys' work. The Junior High School young people will be hosts at a rally in February. The challenge for the year is expressed by Rev. J. H. Bennett, the pastor, as "Growth in personal spiritual devotion, in adult membership, and in participation in the coming peace."

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Dickey continues going to the C.Y.A. camp at Fricot once a week, and keeps in touch with the work at White Pines and Hathaway Pines. Mrs. Dickey frequently goes with him to furnish music. One of the great problems at Angels Camp is the large number who are absent in war service and war jobs.

RENO. The high school and college age groups of young people are showing growth in attendance and interest. The former enjoyed a review of "Indians Are People, Too." The college age group is planning for a Valentine party. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. At the annual meeting a report of the building committee was presented and adopted. This calls for the changing of the front of the sanctuary into a beautiful chancel form with a memorial stained-glass window, and the erection of a large building on the north of the lot in which there will be a chapel and in which student activities will be housed. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of $90,000. While no great amount of work will be undertaken until after the war, the committee is authorized to proceed with drawings and in the purchasing of some equipment that may be available. The membership of the church, after revision, stands at 1,405. Rev. Vere V. Loper is pastor.

LOOMIS. Rev. E. P. Shier will sever his connection with this church early in March and will return to his ranch in the Paradise area. Mr. Shier has had two pastorates of Congregational churches following a goodly lifetime of service in the Presbyterian denomination. Not only is he greatly beloved, both at Paradise and Loomis, but he has been singularly helpful in leading devotional services at our Lakewood Young People's Summer Conference. He has not only been a pastor, but a useful citizen, as a member of the board of the irrigation district in Paradise. After recovering from an illness he hopes to be able to render interim service and continue his ministry.

PITTSBURG. All subscribers to the church budget will receive The Pacific and every constituent will be given a chance to contribute to Cazadero. Rev. E. W. Benedict, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons during Lent, all based on the 40th chapter of Isaiah: "Comfort Ye;" "All Flesh Is Grass;" "Bringer of Good Tidings;" "Behold Your God;" "Power to the Faint;" "Prepare Ye the Way;" Easter: "Lift Up Your Eyes on High.'

OAKLAND, FIRST. The annual dinner and business meeting of the church was held following the morning service on January 21, with an attendance of 300, all that could be accommodated. 74 new members have been received and 35 children have been baptized. A plan for increasing the Endowment Fund was launched to celebrate the 85th year of the church's life and history. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SARATOGA. Rev. Fred R. Morrow exchanged pulpits with Rev. Augustine Jones, Palo Alto, one Sunday in January. His Christmas sermon took the form of a story, very modern and yet very old, of a man by the name of Josephson who went about in northern California doing good and living in the twentieth century after the same principles that Joseph's Son lived in the first century. Through popular request, the story was printed.

KENWOOD. Interest in the church has never been greater and the community holds it in sincere affection. Rev. Frank E. Boren is beginning his sixteenth year and at the annual meeting there were many warm expressions of affection spontaneously given. Attendance is somewhat irregular due to gas rationing, but the average is good.

SALIDA. Sixty new song books are being purchased. Two representatives of the Gideons were recent pulpit guests. The church building is now housing a branch of the county library. The young people are taking the responsibility for the Cazadero fund campaign. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

BENICIA. The church has a part-time secretary who is also the church clerk. At the annual meeting a reorganization plan was adopted increasing the number of officers from 15 to 64. A few days later, out of the total number of officers, 52 were present at a planning meeting. There are boards of worship, of religious education, of fellowship, of service, and of stewards and trustees, and of personnel. The latter will devote itself to securing new members in an intensive campaign leading up to Easter. The "Learning for Life" group will meet Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:50 for study, choosing its own theme. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is pastor.

PETALUMA. A week after the dedication of the rebuilt sanctuary of the church, Rev. E. F. Ouellette resigned the pastorate in order to accept a position at Defiance College, Ohio. Mr. Ouellette is to head the Department of Religious Education and Mrs. Ouellette will be Dean of girls. Their formal relationship with Petaluma will terminate June 1. This came as a shock to the congregation, who had hoped for a long and fruitful pastorate, but it was freely recognized by all that in the less than two years of their service the Ouellettes had made a great contribution to the church and the city. A committee is actively at work to secure a successor.

SAN LORENZO. Sunday School attendance has reached a high point of 102 and the Sunday morning congregation 62. Two of the seven colonies in which the parish will be organized have been set up. Others will be cared for at weekly intervals. When the last colony is established there will be a great meeting from all groups. A group of young business and professional people is planning for regular gatherings. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is pastor.

PALO ALTO. After all bills had been paid a generous surplus was available to be reserved for the church building. The church school made an increase of 40 per cent in attendance during the past year under the leadership of Rev. Ellis E. Pleasant, the superintendent. During Lent an adult class of 30 will meet at the home of the minister, Rev. Augustine Jones, for a study of the early church as shown in the Corinthian letters.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Repairs and redecoration of the building at a cost of $2,000 are going forward. Rev. Carl Saenger, formerly of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Sacramento, has been secured as parish assistant for a six-month period. The church and the pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps, are looking forward to the visit of Dr. Stanley U. North, who will lead in a survey of our opportunities in the capital city.

ADIN. There was a reorganization at the annual meeting, with a number of new officers. About $600 has come in for the renovation of the building and a great amount of voluntary labor has been given. Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis, the pastor, would be interested in learning whether any church has used carpet for aisles and platform which might be available.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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Regular meeting on Thursday, February 15 at First Congregational Church, Oakland.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

In spite of transportation problems and change of date, nearly 175 women gathered for the twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Federation in the always hospitable Alameda church on Wednesday, January 17.

In the morning the reports of departmental secretaries were given under the pleasant guise of an "Information, Please" program, with Mrs. Harley Gill, program chairman, as interlocutor. Mrs. Scott Haymond, (at that moment still President of the Federation) reporting for Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Young People's work, spoke of the eight Conferences held for the young people, attendance at which totaled about 600. She also brought the news of the purchase by the Northern California Conference of Conference grounds of our very own, near Cazadero. Rev. Harley H. Gill, our Superintendent, enlarged on this at the luncheon later and showed photographs illustrating the beauty and convenience of the grounds. Details have been and will continue to be given in the "Pacific."

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Chairman, reminded us that her year, alone of the departments of the Federation, does not end until April, a timing made necessary by the publication date of the national reading lists. So we still have time to make a good record in our reading. Mrs. Greisinger said that supplementary lists were available. Write her. She made the following recommendations: (Roman numerals refer to the group.) A. Toward understanding of the American scene—"Christ of the American Road," E. Stanley Jones (I); "Basic History of the United States," Charles and Mary Beard (IV); "Our Young Folks", Dorothy Canfield Fisher (II); "When Johnny Comes Marching Home", Dixon Wecter (III); "Freedom Road", Howard Fast (IV). B. Toward understanding of a better world order and the brotherhood of man—"The Time for Decision", Sumner Welles (III); "No Matter Where" Helen Hiett (III); "People On Our Side", Edgar Snow (III); "A Missionary Doctor", Mary F. Cushman (III); "Mother America", Carlos Romulo (III); "Anna and the King of Siam", Margaret Landon (IV); "The Brother", Dorothy Wilson (IV).

Mrs. Chester Marliave, Speakers' Bureau Head, mentioned the increase in requests for speakers, mainly from the outlying societies, since those around the Bay were usually in touch with possible speakers themselves. Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank-Offering Secretary, reported that we had exceeded our goal ($2,800) by $335.33, and stressed the advantage to ourselves of making this offering truly an expression of our thankfulness, not just another item for the collection plate. Mrs. Chester Gossett, Social Service Secretary, spoke of the excellent response to the quotas sent out and answered a question in some minds by saying that money of the value of the articles asked for is often most acceptable and saves freight and express charges. Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, reported that of the twenty new recruits to go out under the American Board nine had already sailed. She spoke of the strain on the Board's resources made by the increased cost of living everywhere. Mrs. Earl Doxsee, Secretary of the Christian Home, explained the limitation of her work to the pre-school child by saying that other agencies were concerned with other groups. Mrs. Sidney Buckham of San Mateo, reporting for Mrs. Bayard Buckham, Prayer Guild Secretary, left with us a beautiful thought: "However heavy our load, somewhere there is a path leading to the glory that is God—not the same path for all, but the same end."

Election and installation of officers followed. It is with great regret that we say goodbye to Mrs. Haymond as President. Fortunately she remains on the Board as Young People's Secretary. Fortunately, also, we have in the incoming President, Mrs. James Price, one with whom we can go forward confidently, relying on her guidance.

From the interesting reports given by the Association Presidents, it is only possible to take single items. Mrs. J. H. McCartney, of the Bay Association, reported three additional groups this year: Orinda, with a strong society of 60 or 65; Arlington Community Church, one of our last year's Thank Offering projects; and, most recently of all, South Berkeley Community Church, one of whose members, Mrs. Laura Clark, goes on our Board of Directors to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Pierson Parker. Mrs. A. C. Hacke of Central Association, told of the work done for Hammond Hospital, which is close to most of her societies. Mrs. George Atkinson reporting for Mrs. W. L. Barlow of Redwood Empire, said her women were emphasizing the reading lists. Mrs. H. N. Dyke, of Sacramento, spoke of the increase in membership and told of Weaverville's clearing of its church debt three years ahead of time. Mrs. S. B. Janjigian, incoming President of San Joaquin, reporting for Mrs. W. H. Hillman, outgoing President, said Porterville also had paid off its mortgage. Mrs. Haymond brought the report of Mrs. E. T. Sherman of Upper Bay, full of rallies and parties, but with the note of desire to help the women see the larger meaning of Federation work. Mrs. C. L. Jackson of Santa Clara is the only Association President to remain in office. She says she is not superstitious, in spite of having thirteen churches in her Association. All of these are active in many ways. Many are helping in repairs in their church.

There were three addresses: by Rev. Fred R. Morrow, "If It Were You," pointing up the vital work done by our Congregational missionary agencies; by Rev. Vere V. Loper, "With the GIs in the Aleutians," giving vivid pictures of what our boys are undergoing there; and by Rev. Noel J. Breed, of the significance of the Dumbarton Oaks meeting. These were all outstanding and your editor regrets more than ordinarily her inability to report them. She would like to leave with you the answer Dr. Loper gave to one query frequently made, "What can we do for these boys?" Wherever they went, said Dr. Loper, the men swarmed around them with just one question: "Did you bring any mail? Did you bring any mail?"

PLUS GIFT VICTORY

One department of our work can be counted on to come through and make a substantial gain each year. Beginning with just a few hundred dollars, in the course of a decade the women's Thank Offering has now reached a total of over $3,100 in a year. Last January, when the unprecedented amount of $2,650 had been realized, the Federation exercised its faith and adopted projects amounting to $2,800, but this goal was passed with $335.00 to spare. The uses to which the Thank Offering was put are as follows: the Means School for Girls in West Africa, $689.77; toward the salary of a nurse at Grant's Hospital, New Mexico, under the Board of Home Missions, $652.48; for a special project under the Council for Social Action, $100.00; to the Northern California Congregational Conference for its two projects, Arlington Avenue Community Church and the Children's Work in the Mission District, San Francisco, and a little to spare, $1,693.08. The Thank Offering is not credited to the regular benevolences of the churches, but here is a list that shows where the money has come from.

	1944	1943
Alameda	$ 90.00	$ 66.84
Angels Camp	18.59	13.15
Antioch	55.00	54.02
Auburn	28.37	9.98
Benicia	52.93	42.77
Berkeley:		
Arlington	9.80	.....
First	160.00	177.88
North	52.37	38.92
South Community	10.00	.....
Campbell	22.00	16.00
Cloverdale	7.00	10.50
Cotati	.....	23.50
Eureka	62.50	72.00
Ferndale	16.05	13.10
Fresno, First	115.80	105.66
Hayward	30.00	30.00
Lodi, First	110.67	76.00
Loomis	20.82	21.11
Martinez	54.52	49.11
Murphy	5.25	5.00
Oakland:		
Bethany Armenian	.....	10.00
First	439.01	356.21
Fruitvale	30.40	25.00
Plymouth	92.47	80.53
Oroville	33.00	35.00
Pacific Grove	61.00	55.00
Palo Alto	153.25	171.95
Paradise	48.43	30.06
Penngrove	11.81	11.22
Petaluma	.....	47.83
Pittsburg	36.32	20.97
Porterville	55.60	25.00
Redwood City	37.06	43.00
Rio Vista	77.49	31.86
Ripon	100.00	32.11
Sacramento	72.75	38.40
San Carlos	31.32	14.71
Salida	25.00	25.00
San Francisco:		
First	160.80	213.36
Grace United	33.95	40.26
Calvary Armenian	5.00	5.00
Ocean View	12.00	.....
San Jose	104.00	72.00
San Leandro	40.00	36.75
San Mateo	116.65	100.00
Santa Cruz	106.00	65.67
Santa Rosa	52.78	5.00
Saratoga	63.05	55.60
Sebastopol	44.00	20.00
Sonoma	25.50	16.30
Stockton	64.00	50.00
Sunnyvale	.....	5.00
Tulare	32.18	34.00
Weaverville	30.00	25.25
Woodside	18.80	26.12
TOTALS	$3,135.33	$2,649.70

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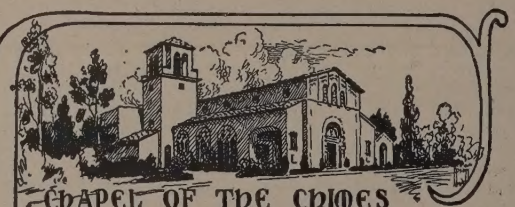
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